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Re BURNET.

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Dear Josh:

Some years back Sir MacFarland Burnet~~ff~~ attracted considerable attention with a statement concerning the possibilities inherent in the appearance of a new viral agent of disease. I have been trying without success to track the reference down. Do you by any chance have it at your fingertips? Many thanks.

Best regards,

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In fact, yes: Lancet i, 37 1966. Burnet is basically not well informed and quite sour about molecular biology — see his autobiography "Changing Patterns". Enclosed also some of my own admirations on the subject.

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re DNA

Yours,
JVN.

Encl. ~~attached~~ 1/12/1

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